1	2	3	4	5
5.	Tamil Nadu	2000-2007 (up to March 2007)	26	
6.	Punjab	2004	22	
		2005	32	
		2006	19	
		2007	24	
7.	Gujarat	2004	108	
		2005	125	
		2006	149	
		2007	103	
		2008 (upto July, 2008)	21	

All other States and Union Territories have reported NIL information relating to suicide by farmers.

Expenditure incurred by Government to relieve farmers of bank debt liabilities

2023.SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) how far farmers have been relieved of bank debt liabilities in each State, and the number of farmers so relieved of liabilities;

(b) the expenditure so far incurred by the Union Government for defraying such liabilities; and

(c) the number of farmers who committed suicide despite the Union Government relief in respect of their debt liabilities, during the intervening period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) As per the provisional figures, 3,01,06,236 small and marginal farmers and 67,71,582 other farmers have benefited from Agricultural Debt Waiver and Debt Relief Scheme, 2008. State-wise details are enclosed as Statement (See below). The final figures will be available after completion of statutory audit of the lending institutions.

(b) The Government has already released Rs. 25,000 crore to RBI (Rs. 17,500 crore for Cooperative Banks and Regional Rural banks and Rs.7,500 crore for Scheduled Commercial Banks, Urban Cooperative Banks and Local Area Banks). The balance reimbursable claims would be released in July 2009, July 2010 and July 2011. The Government has also decided to pay interest on the balance reimbursable claims.

(c) No such report has been received from the State Governments. However, suicide cases reported by the State Governments during the year 2007 & 2008 are as under:

State	Year	No. of Suicide
Andhra	2007	373
	2008 (upto 29.10.08)	112
Karnataka	2007-08	342
	2008-09 (upto Aug, 08)	152
Maharashtra	2007	1985
	2008 (Upto Sept. 08)	573
Kerala	2007 (upto 31.03.07)	64
Punjab	2007	24
Gujarat	2007	103
	2008 (upto July, 08)	21

Expenditure incurred by Government to relieve farmers of bank debt liabilities.

(Rs. in crore)

Sl.No.	Name of the State	Total Farmers covered			Total eligible
		SF/MF	OF	Total	Waiver/ Relief
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Andhra Pradesh	6646198	1109029	7755227	11353.71
2	Assam	319546	18146	337692	405.51
3	Arunachal Pradesh	10775	1241	12016	20.47
4	Bihar	1662971	94548	1757519	3158.90
5	Chhattisgarh	493828	201119	694947	701.28
6	Delhi	1324	388	1712	7.36
7	Gujarat	576137	410605	986742	2395.32
8	Goa	1592	768	2360	5.58
9	Haryana	527490	357612	885102	2648.73
10	Himachal Pradesh	114997	4794	119791	273.82
11	Jammu & Kashmir	47449	3081	50530	97.06
12	Jharkhand	639187	27239	666426	789.60
13	Karnataka	1171983	555360	1727343	4020.29
14	Kerala	1390546	40192	1430738	2962.97
15	Madhya Pradesh	1715624	659202	2374826	4203.25
16	Maharashtra	3023000	1225000	4248000	8951.33

1	2	3	4	5	6
17	Meghalaya	40885	2129	43014	77.94
18	Mizoram	18699	1641	20340	34.22
19	Manipur	56670	1393	58063	57.49
20	Nagaland	12623	2290	14913	22.39
21	Orissa	2377022	135935	2512957	3277.75
22	Punjab	227416	193862	421278	1222.91
23	Rajasthan	1111821	732765	1844586	3795.78
24	Sikkim	7140	651	7791	13.39
25	Tamil Nadu	1427280	328206	1755486	3365.39
26	Tripura	60502	1101	61603	97.09
27	Uttar Pradesh	4794348	621693	5416041	9095.11
28	Uttarakhand	154962	18733	173695	317.65
29	West Bengal	1445743	16590	1462333	1882.27
30	Andman & Nicobar	1537	958	2495	1.96
31	Chandigarh	148	79	227	1.35
32	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	351	137	488	0.69
33	Daman & Diu	65	38	103	0.15
34	Lakshadweep	130	2	132	0.25
35	Puducherry	26247	5055	31302	59.37
	TOTAL	30106236	6771582	36877818	65318.33

Estimated production of Rabi crops

†2024. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the estimates given with regard to the production of Rabi crops on 25th September, 2008 is low in comparison to fourth and final estimates of the previous year;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and whether it clearly shows that the production in the current year will be less in comparison to the production of last year; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) The sowing of Rabi 2008 crops is in progress and their production estimates have not

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.